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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock, in New Delhi on Monday | TWITTER

JAISHANKAR DEFENDS IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL FROM RUSSIA

India on Monday stoutly defended its import of crude oil from Russia amid the Ukraine conflict with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar asserting that New Delhi's procurement was just one-sixth of the European purchase in the past nine months. After holding wide-ranging talks with visiting German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock, he noted that Europe can't make choices to prioritise its energy needs, while asking New Delhi to do something else | P10

NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARAT

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

April 14, 1891 - December 6, 1956

Respectful Tributes to Chief Architect of the Constitution,
Great Humanist and Champion of Equality
Bharat Ratna **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**,
on the occasion of **Mahaparinirvan Diwas**

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was a great reformer who fought for women's rights, the rights of oppressed sections, and equality. Our fittest tribute to him would be walking on the path of equality he espoused.

Steps taken by the State Government for the development of SC/ST communities

- Allocation of Rs. 29,165.81 crore for SCSP/TSP projects (SCSP – Rs. 20,843.03 crore; TSP – Rs.8322.78 crore).
- Total grants provided to Departments of Social Welfare and ST Welfare – Rs. 5,998.25 crore
- Reservation for SC raised from 15% to 17% and ST from 3% to 7%
- Separate Secretariat for the welfare of ST
- Under Land Ownership Scheme, unit cost increased from Rs. 15 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs for SC/ST
- Foundation Stone Laid for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Spoorthi Bhavan in front of Vikasa Soudha to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 58 crore
- Rs. 1,000.19 crore grant to boards of SC/ST for programmes such as Self-Employment, Ganga Kalyan, etc. (includes an additional grant of Rs. 420 crore)
- Construction of 100 Dr. B. R. Ambedkar hostels and 11 KRIES (residential schools) buildings at a cost of Rs. 750 crore under SCSP/TSP grants of PWD
- Rs. 250 crore for the construction of 1000-capacity multi-storey Deendayal Upadhyaya Sauharda Hostels in Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru and Mysuru
- Monthly food expenses for post-matric students increased from Rs. 1,600 to Rs. 1,750, and for pre-matric students from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 1,650
- Under the e-Commerce Scheme, Rs. 50,000 assistance and Rs. 20,000 loan for 22,400 unemployed SC/ST beneficiaries to purchase Electric and other two-wheelers
- 25% reservation for SC/ST women for self-employment under all Boards and Corporations of the Government
- Entrepreneurship training for 300 SC/ST women at Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru. Training for three batches is underway.
- Financial assistance given to SC/ST communities living in rural areas for building homes increased from Rs. 1.75 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh.
- 75 units of electricity per month free for BPL SC/ST families
- Rs. 20 crore for the development of 10 important places visited by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in Karnataka
- Under Prabhuddha Scheme, financial assistance to 70 SC students and 23 ST students for pursuing higher studies in foreign universities
- Rs. 50 crore grant for the development of ST, nomadic, semi-nomadic, sensitive and highly sensitive communities
- Rs. 68.87 crore grant for providing the 4% interest subsidy for SC/ST entrepreneurs
- Rs. 200 crore grant to the Dept. of Industries and Commerce for the construction of industrial sites/sheds to establish industries for SC/ST
- Rs. 177 crore grant for providing financial assistance to SC/ST community buildings, colony development, organizations and associations
- Govt. has responded with humanity to the problem of Pourakarmikas and is providing Rs. 2,000 as a monthly hardship allowance to them to give them social respect and security
- Notification issued regularizing the employment of 11,136 Pourakarmikas

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India

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